

Twenty-five people committed suicide in Milwaukee during the past year.

When John Rouch found it necessary to reduce the wages of his employees, he did not forget to reduce the rents of the cottages in which his employees live. This was making things something like even.

Mr. Hendricks now says that the negro should be judged by his own conduct. So he said the republican party for years, in opposition to Mr. Hendricks and his party. It would be a bad thing for the democratic party if the negro should ever get his rights in the south.

The Racine correspondent of the Chicago Times writes to that paper: "J. V. Quarles of this city, or Ogden H. Fethers of Janesville, would be acceptable to the young republicans of Racine, as a successor to Cameron as United States senator. It is understood however, that neither is a candidate."

John B. Gough has been on the platform for forty-two years. He has traveled 500,000 miles, delivered 8,500 temperance lectures, out of which he has made nearly a million dollars. There has not been the saving grace about his temperance lectures that there has been about those of Francis Murphy and others. Of late years he has worked for money more than temperance.

The Pittsburgh Commercial voices the sentiment of the country, irrespective of party, when it says that General Grant's sword, medals, and relics of the war may be sold at any time to satisfy the judgment for \$150,000 held by W. H. Vanderbilt. If they go to the government should be the only bidder, and the nation should restore them to the unfortunate old hero who won them so bravely.

Sam Weller, whom Charles Dickens immortalized in "The Pickwick Papers," is dead. His full name was Captain Charles Weller, and at the time of his death was eighty-five years old. His daughter, Mrs. Thompson, is an artist in London, of considerable repute, and it will please the admirers of "The Pickwick Papers," and especially of the good and faithful Sam Weller, to learn that Mrs. Butler, formerly Miss Elizabeth Thompson, is his granddaughter. She has attained a wide celebrity as an artist, both in this country and in Europe, and is one of the most beautiful women in all England.

A true story and a good lesson in eighteen lines: A speculator laid out a new town in Dakota last September, and called it Golden City. Then a Chicago man came along and bought every lot in the town at \$5 a lot. Within thirty days a saloon was opened, and the lots jumped up to \$50 apiece. A second saloon appeared, and buyers vainly offered \$75 for poor lots. At this point the Chicago man was advised to sell, but he concluded to hang on for a few more saloons. The snow came, and it was with difficulty the Chicago man's agent could get through the drift, to find the place deserted by human beings; but on a tree was a sign reading: "Sell you the whole city for \$10."

The sweep of death has been remarkable during 1884. The roll of mortality includes many distinguished Americans. Among them are Wendell Phillips, the philanthropist; Secretary of the Treasury Folger, Senator H. B. Anthony, of Rhode Island; Judge Noah Swayne, Bishop Clarkson, of Nebraska and Bishop Simpson, of Pennsylvania; Jane Grey Swisshelm, the woman's rights advocate; Charles O'Connor, the New York lawyer; Mary Clemmer Ames, the popular writer; Cyrus H. McCormick, the inventor, millionaire and philanthropist; W. F. Storey, the proprietor of the Chicago Times; Richard Hoe, the inventor of the printing press; B. E. Springer, the Cincinnati philanthropist; and John W. Garrett, the noted railway magnate.

On the other side of the sea the death-roll includes Charles Reade, the distinguished novelist; Sig. Brignoli, the celebrated, but unfortunate, tenor; Edward Lasker, the noted German statesman; Prince Leopold, youngest son of Queen Victoria; and Henry Fawcett, the lame-abled blind postmaster general of England.

They have a queer way of doing shady things on the Pacific slope. It is said that Miss Hill, who claimed to be ex-Senator Sharon's wife, and from whom she has just been divorced by Judge Sullivan, of San Francisco, was assisted in her proceedings against the old rake by a syndicate, or a regular joint-stock company, formed for the express purpose of speculation—that of sharing the spoils if Miss Hill won the suit! This company paid the expenses, and procured many of the witnesses and marked the way by which they were to commit perjury. Of course, an appeal will be taken by Sharon, but there is a question whether he will succeed in setting aside the decision rendered by Judge Sullivan. The attorneys for the defendant say that should the judgment be allowed to stand, it will not be a serious loss to him, as his many millions of property are so well secured that less than \$10,000 worth of estate could be made a subject to the decision. Miss Hill's attorneys believe this to be more bluff, however, and are not in the least relaxing their hold on the old man. People generally have no sympathy for Sharon, and would like to see the rollicking old sinner compelled to pay three or four millions to the beautiful and bewitching though heartless, intriguer, who so skillfully laid the trap to catch him.

Mr. Randall has been down in Kentucky preaching half protection and half tariff reform. Randall is a good deal of a schemer, and likes to scratch the southern people on the back. He told them that surplus revenue must be reduced, that there was \$200,000,000 in the

treasury for which the government had no use, except to pay on the national debt; that \$120,000,000 of taxes could be taken off with advantage; and that the republican system of internal revenue tax was all wrong.

It was a little demagogue in Mr. Randall to tell the people of the south that they were burdened with too much internal taxation. Let us see what proportion of the internal revenue tax of the country does the south pay. The revenue derived from the custom houses and from various collection districts in the states formerly slaveholding represent about one-eighth of the entire revenue. The amount in 1883 was \$7,852,932.80 customs, and \$97,030,732 internal revenue, or \$43,738,422.80 in all, out of \$847,454,549 collected in the whole country. But how would Mr. Randall reduce the revenue \$120,000,000 annually? He would take it off whisky and tobacco, and then with a democratic administration the democratic party would be extremely happy.

THE QUESTION OF PLACE

OPINIONS OF WASHINGTON PEOPLE ON CLEVELAND'S LETTER.

Various Views of Politicians and Office-Holders—What Democrats B. Eaton Thinks—Some Miscellaneous Comments on the Subject.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—In the construction which they place upon Governor Cleveland's letter to the Civil Service Reform Association, Democrats and Republicans are about equally divided, and they are pleased or dissatisfied accordingly. The general tenor of the proclamation is commended by a large portion of both parties, but many officeholders and the Democratic spokesmen are puzzled to measure the length and breadth of Cleveland's meaning in the paragraph which declares that there are many persons holding office who have forfeited all just claim to retention because they have used their places for party purposes, and proved themselves ineffective partisans and unscrupulous manipulators of local party management. It is claimed that this paragraph opens a wide door through which many more of the employees of the government, and that he would not have been so careful to insert it unless it had been his purpose to take advantage of that easy method of displacing Republicans to make room for Democrats.

They say he is obliged of course, to take notice of the civil service law, which is on the statute book through the ill-advised action of theoretical statesmen, but he seems to recognize the force of Democratic opinion that the change of administration does not mean the substitution of a Democratic president for a Republican, and the removal of 100 or more of the highest officials, but also that the party which elected the president shall occupy all of the offices, with very few exceptions. Only let him diligently apply the rule which he has himself laid down in that paragraph, and he will not disappoint his party or the country.

Another class of Democrats approve of the theory of the letter, but most heartily disapprove of the practical application upon public questions, and without sufficient reason for discussing the subject at this time. A general reply to Mr. Curtis and his associates, referring them to the statute, the Democratic platform and his letter of acceptance, was all that the occasion called for or justified. "Mr. Cleveland has forewarned a policy which the country will approve in theory, but one which he will find exceedingly difficult to carry out," was the comment of a veteran Democratic leader. "He can not possibly form a judgment of the fitness of incumbents by his own personal investigation as to whether they have actively participated in partisan politics, and upon whom can he rely for that information? He will accept the representations of the men who have been elected to represent the counties where the alleged misdeeds have occurred. It can be readily foreseen that he will be subjected to strong pressure to make removals upon the ground laid down by himself as the cause, and that the voice of unscrupulous men will be potent in determining the result. But the president may save himself much annoyance from office-seekers by the announcement that fitness rather than mere partisan services will be the test which he will apply in filling offices that are vacant."

Democrats B. Eaton said: "I regard the letter as the deliberate, significant and timely utterance of a man who comprehends the situation and has the courage to express his convictions and his doubts. It is a plea for the subject to visit to relate. The views in the letter are those common to all true statesmen of both parties. These views are those most rapidly growing in the hearts of the people. The policy disclosed in the letter is that by which alone the party can retain power, or the country escape decay. It shows plainly we are to have no mixed cabinet and no mixed or compromising policy, but a strong, positive, honest, courageous, and absolutely Democratic administration. It will be one in broad contrast to the last administration, which was weak, evasive, and fearful of nobles and working sentiment. I may do injustice to any political opponent, but I must think many of them have been helping Governor Cleveland would be found ready to break his pledges and trifle with his convictions. This letter ought to dispel all such illusions, and is therefore timely. Placeholders in his party may yet give him much trouble, and perhaps may bring their party near to ruin by their greed for office. The Democratic party now stands as it did when Buchanan was elected, divided into two camps—one leading to honor and victory and the other to shame and defeat. Its fate depends on its choice of roads and leaders. If I cared more for my party than for my country I should hope greed and place and spoils would break through the civil-service law and rules, and injure the new president with all the statesmen of his party. The declaration in the letter that the lessons of the past should be unlearned, and will be pondered by Republicans as well as Democrats.

to office. "I believe," said Mr. Holman, "that no man, except Cleveland, is entirely honest and sincere, and that he will faithfully carry out the civil-service law."

Representative Springer, Hopkins, Brown, of Pennsylvania, Nichols, Buchanan, and Dilwell also expressed approval of Governor Cleveland's letter.

Representative Miller, of Pennsylvania, Republican, said he thought Cleveland would have to go out of this country to get non-partisans to fill his offices. He would have to import them.

Mrs. Matilda Roulston, the widow of Surge D. C. Roulston, U. S. A., who lost his life on the Greely expedition, is an inmate of the Charlestown (Mass.) almshouse.

"Had rheumatism so I could not walk. Doctors said all they could, but I was no better. Four bottles of Adolphus cured me." Mrs. H. Strong, Westville, Conn.

—The Christmas tree festivities opened on Wednesday evening at the Congregational church. An interesting program was presented and numerous presents distributed. On Thursday evening similar entertainments were held at the Seventh Day Baptist and M. E. churches and on Friday was a grand bazaar with appropriate gifts. At the S. D. B. church the large audience had the pleasure of listening to some charming vocal music from Prof. J. M. Stillman, and Miss Smith, a member of his concert company, was very here to enjoy their Christmas day.

—Among those here on Christmas Day from abroad, we noticed the familiar faces of Wellington Clarke, R. Richardson, John Brown and wife, of Flushing, N. Y., and others. They were here to enjoy their Christmas day.

—George S. Adolter, of the Daily News, Chicago, made us a pleasant call Friday. He looks as if the "wicked city" agreed with him.

—Prof. L. D. Harvey, of Sheboygan, made his Milton friends a brief visit on Saturday.

—The day Sunday gave the tobacco growers an opportunity to take down what weed was still on the land.

—The citizens of this village have contributed sufficient funds to purchase a cow for Mr. Curtis.

—The tobacco warehouse opened up for business Monday with a light show of hands, but a large number will be employed soon.

—A remarkable circumstance occurred here last Wednesday. Wm. Vincent saw a team being driven along the road near his house and noticed that the contents of the sleigh seemed to be on fire. He finally succeeded in halting the parties and at that time he says the flames were two feet high at the backs of the occupants, Pat Malone and wife. The clothing of Mrs. Malone, the blankets and straw in the bottom of the sleigh were all ablaze and to put out the flames it became necessary to roll Mrs. Malone in the snow. The back of the cloak, which she wore, was all burned out and her other clothing burned to some extent. Mr. and Mrs. Malone had not discovered the fire when Mr. Vincent halted them. The fire was caused by a hot brick which they were using to keep their feet warm.

—Miss Nellie Vincent met with a serious accident Monday. As she was going down the steps that lead into the basement of the tobacco warehouse she slipped and smashed the cap of her head and injured the ligaments that hold it in place. Fortunately her bones were broken and although the injury is likely to confine her to the house for some time no dangerous results are apprehended.

—Dr. James Richardson, who has been ill for a long time with that dread disease, consumption, died Monday night. Until within a week or more deceased was able to be out, but since that time has been very low and his death was expected any hour. Rev. Richardson leaves no family, his wife having died some years. The funeral occurred Wednesday at the M. E. church, particulars of which will be given next week.

—F. C. Dunn has sold the house which he recently rebuilt to Mrs. S. A. Rogers, consideration not known to the writer.

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—The young people near the town hall got up an entertainment for Christmas eve. The exercises were of a mixed order consisting of dialogues, tableaux, etc., with which the large audience was highly entertained for an hour and a half. Nearly all acquitted themselves nicely. After the exercises a distribution of the presents was made in order, and the handsome bower and arch were soon removed of their precious fruits, to the many smiling faces and all went home well pleased and wishing all a Merry Christmas.

—Mrs. Casper Schmitz, of Minnesota, is visiting her old friends and relatives in this vicinity.

—The big boom in the price of tobacco this year has set nearly every one crazy, and most every one is going to try their hand at it. There is no money in raising grain any more here, and farmers have got to do something for a living, and if tobacco should keep at the prices that it has for the past year, there is money in it. It is properly handled. Most of the weed is not and some has been delivered. It is in the condition. The crop of 1884 will long be remembered for its excellent quality and fineness.

—At the last election of officers in the Grange Mr. Orla Stevens was chosen master. The Grange is in a healthy condition and growing slowly but surely, and the report throughout the state is encouraging to its patrons.

—Mr. Isaiah Wauke is out again although he walks a little lame.

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